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522 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510**- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.**

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska SeaLife Center -- Pinniped Research &amp; Marine Mammal Rescue

Project Location: Seward, AK

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

This request combines what used to be two separate lines in CJS/NMFS accounts for Steller sea lion research and marine mammal rescue. We are combining them since the rescue program was not Federally funded in FY 2007 or 2008. In the Pinniped Research Program, ASLC conducts multi-year interdisciplinary research in partnership with NMFS, ADF&G, and Alaska Native organizations to understand causes of the declines and attributes supporting recovery of Steller sea lions and harbor seals. Issues being examined include nutrition, killer whale predation, reproduction, juvenile mortality, feeding patterns, diet, and exposure to toxins, involving controlled studies with captive animals, field studies of free-ranging animals and analysis of biosamples from subsistence harvested animals. The mammal rescue program is part of the National Stranding Network and the only full-time stranding facility in Alaska. The program has handled over 200 distressed or deceased marine mammals in the last 5 years, including whales, porpoises, sea lions, seals, and sea otters.

Related Appropriations Bill: CJS Approps

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$7,000,000

**Total** funding to complete this project: \$7,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

List legislation that authorizes this project:

The Marine Mammal Protection Act  
Endangered Species Act**Check all that apply:**

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Pinniped Research -- CJS Approps FY 2008 (\$5.278 M); FY 2006 (\$5.2 M);  
FY 2005 (\$7 M); FY 2004 (\$7 M).

Marine Mammal Rescue -- \$1 million/yr FY 2003-2005 CJS Approps

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: Unknown

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget:

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska SeaLife Center -- Steller Eider Research

Project Location: Seward, AK

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The ASLC eider research program plays an integral role in the Steller's and Spectacled Eider recovery efforts, and in the Eider Recovery Team mandated under the Endangered Species Act. In partnership with the USFWS and other key agencies, the ASLC eider program integrates the Center's marine research facilities with critical field research, and has the lead role in ten current high priority recovery tasks. The ASLC maintains the only marine aviaries in the United States with breeding colonies of Steller's and Spectacled Eiders, including a unique reservoir flock of Steller's Eiders from the North Slope of Alaska. In 2007, the Center successfully bred Steller's Eiders in captivity for the first time in North America, enhancing the Center's unique capacity to provide recovery options for the Alaska-breeding Steller's Eiders. Additional ongoing high priority tasks support recovery by development of captive propagation techniques and methods to enhance egg survival, and assessment of disease (including avian influenza virus) risks in threatened eiders.

Related Appropriations Bill: Interior &amp; Environment Approps/USFWS

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$1,500,000

**Total** funding to complete this project: \$1,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Endangered Species Act

**Check all that apply:**

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If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

\$1.2 million -- FY 2006 Interior Approps  
\$2.3 million -- FY 2005 Interior Approps (includes \$500K for research tank)  
\$2.3 million -- FY 2004 Interior Approps

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget:

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska SeaLife Center -- Marine Ecosystem Education

Project Location: Seward, AK

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

This funding request will allow the expansion of our marine science education program, which provides standards-based content spotlighting the world-class scientific research conducted at the Alaska SeaLife Center. Funding in 2006 and 2008 facilitated the development of our Distance Learning program, which delivers live marine science curricula to schools across the United States; and our Village Outreach program, offering hands-on science education to students and teachers in bush Alaska's most remote schools. Continued funding will enable the Center to expand delivery of our Distance Learning program with additional grade-appropriate programs, and to work in partnership with state and federal organizations to bolster our standards-based Village Outreach programs in order to better meet the national science learning requirements for Alaska's schools and increase ocean science literacy among Alaskans citizens.

Related Appropriations Bill: Labor HHS

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$250,000

**Total** funding to complete this project: \$250,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

The Center provides in kind contribution of telecommunications equipment.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act

**Check all that apply:**

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
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If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

\$250,000 -- FY 2008 Labor HHS Appropriations (under Dept Ed -- FIE)  
\$250,000 -- FY 2005 Labor HHS Appropriations

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska SeaLife Center - Resurrection Bay Salmon Enhancement

Project Location: Seward, AK

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Sport and commercial harvest opportunities for salmon in Resurrection Bay are increasingly dependent on hatchery stocking. The ASLC proposed program aims to improve the fishery by a) conducting research to increase hatchery salmon smolt survival to result in increased adult returns (2009 egg goal projected to result in 250,000 chinook smolt); b) expanding scope of current Bear Lake sockeye salmon investigations to improve natural spawning and increase wild stock returns; and c) engaging in coho salmon wild stock enumeration and habitat investigations in the Resurrection Bay watershed to provide information and tools to better manage wild stock salmon for long term sustainability. Due to gap in 2008 funding, current chinook, sockeye and coho programs will be discontinued without new funding.

Related Appropriations Bill: CJS Approps

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$1,500,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$1,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

The Center provides in kind contribution of telecommunications equipment.

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

\$1.5 million/yr -- FY 2006, 2005, 2004 CJS Approps

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

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## List legislation that authorizes this project:

Pacific Salmon Recovery Act

## Check all that apply:

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